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Yoshihiro SASAKI et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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March 8, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.